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*By my actions I will prove my allegiance to the Church—*  
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**GREETINGS TO THE Y. W. M. I. A. OF THE BRITISH MISSION**

**I**T is gratifying indeed to the General Board of the Y. W. M. I. A. to realize that the work of the Lord is gradually spreading over the world. To know that the Lord has set His hand to regenerate the earth through the medium of His "marvellous work and a wonder," and that the M. I. A. is one of the instruments He is using to that end, fills our hearts to overflowing with gratitude.

All Latter-day Saints, young or old, should sense their responsibility and understand that every act of life retards or accentuates this work of redemption. God is no respecter of persons. Every human soul is precious in His sight so that everyone that we are privileged to bring into the fold of Christ through our humble efforts, and especially through the lives we live, will redound to our everlasting credit.

It must be a real joy to our members to have the honour of establishing and building up Zion in their own land wherever that may be. Zion is "the pure in heart," and God's all-seeing eye watches over all and knows His children.

We hope that our members in the British Mission are enjoying the activities and opportunities that the M. I. A. affords. We greet you and, though you are far away from the headquarters of the Church, we feel that you are our sisters and our fellow workers, and that you are one with us in extending this glorious cause. It is a pleasure to us to know that you are so well organized and are carrying forward the programme so successfully.

With David we feel that we can sing: "Our soul waiteth for Lord; he is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name."

RUTH MAY FOX  
LUCY GRANT CANNON  
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General Presidency Y. W. M. I. A.

## FROM THE BRITISH MISSION M. I. A. BOARD MEMBERS

**T**HE Mutual Improvement Associations, in common with all other auxiliary organizations of the Church, are under the direction of the presiding authorities in the Priesthood, either general, stake, or local. The supervisory control within the organizations comes under the direction of the General Boards throughout the Church. In the British Mission have been organized Mission Boards which have immediate direction of the Association work within the British Mission.

It is the desire of the Mission Boards to be of valuable and constant service to the local M. I. A. officers, upon whom, in the last analysis, rests the responsibility of making M. I. A. effective in the lives of branch members.

That they may the better do this, members of the Boards have been organized into committees, so that the members are assigned special work, and function just as should the M. I. A. presidencies in a branch, directing the departmental and leisure time activities of the Associations.

In the following messages, each member of the Young Women's and Young Men's Boards speaks to M. I. A. workers in his or her present sphere of assignment. Community Activity Committees, M Men and Gleaner Girl leaders, "Scouters," and Bee-Keepers! Here are introduced to you these people who are intensely interested in what you are doing. Their Mutual Messages will help you!

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### COMMUNITY ACTIVITY WORK RECREATION—PHYSICAL ASPECTS

By DR. RAY M. RUSSELL

**R**ECREATION means re-creation—the reconstruction of organs and tissue, the brain, the spinal cord and the nerves in general.

Construction or building is our plan, therefore we are at war with all destructive processes and people, for the reason that the mind and body of man are "torn down," demolished.

One phase of recreation is change. "A change is as good as a rest," and the M. I. A. programme provides ample changes which make members many-sided, versatile and plastic, so that in later life they have the ability to move with the times and to be adjustable to life's circumstances and conditions.

Another phase of recreation is rest, the ability to relax. Rest periods are essential to carry away the debris and by-pro-



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ducts of work, or activity which we classify as recreation.

Play and work are synonymous with activity. Play prepares the body and mind for the "stuff" of which life is made, i.e., work—and if by a psychological turn of mind, work perchance comes to be regarded by the individual as play through auto suggestion, self-hypnosis or love of activity, then we read of a successful man or woman and of a successful career. "Happy is the man who has found his work."

The purpose of life is to construct for ourselves through play and work a tabernacle which will help us here and hereafter. It is, in short, developmental—but function (physiology) determines structure (anatomy), as also does structure determine function, so that we may expect that the mental and physical behaviour of an adult individual will depend upon the opportunities for development which he has had in his youth. The M. I. A. provides these opportunities.

The job of youth is to prepare a rugged body and mind to win in life's struggle against disease, which is mental and physical filth. Purity and balance is our ideal.

We have little use for a four-hour work day—we believe it better to work out than to rust out, but purity of mind and body makes work easier.

A balance between work and rest produces a wholesome earthly existence, and happiness both here and hereafter.

## MAKING LEADERSHIP IN THE ACTIVITY PROGRAMME REAL

By MADELINE E. R. HILL

WE recognize now as never before the positive values which a well-directed programme of activities may achieve.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints regard the body as the sacred tabernacle of the spirit. Therefore, if the soul of man is a union of body and spirit, we may through our *actions* develop finer types of manhood and womanhood, thus *proving* our allegiance to the Church.

How are we going to do it?

First, we must be headed by sound leadership. During the past year in our study of the various activities of the M. I. A. we have had a chance of experiencing different types of leadership. Let us now examine ourselves and our leadership, for on our leadership rests the responsibility of the leisure time of the Latter-day Saints. To make it real we must really change people. The leader must become a real student of human nature.

He must be alive to the fact of the needs of his community and develop within the lives of the people he leads a quality of life that will meet those needs. Or in slogan terminology, we must "develop the gifts within us" and then do something with those



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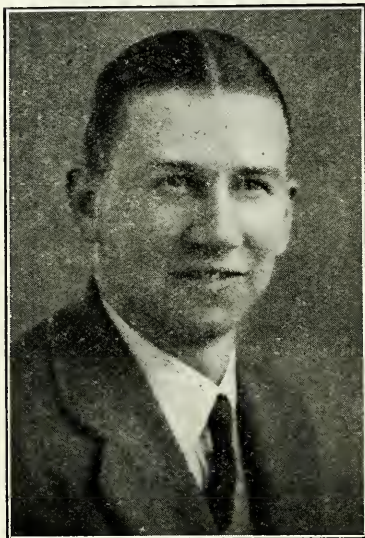
gifts; then, "by my actions I will prove my allegiance to the Church." This entails intelligent use of time, which spells work, the spirit of service and co-operation. Co-operation, let us remember, is the keynote to success.

So let us work and pray for the M. I. A.

## M MEN NEWS AND VIEWS

By JOHN BLEAKLEY

THE German-Austrian and British Missions have almost equal memberships. The British Isles have a Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association enrollment of 410, of which 50 are M Men. Our German-speaking brethren, however, have 908 enrolled in Y. M. M. I. A., 118 being M Men and 322 Scouts. Are we going to take this challenge lying down? Let next year be our reply.



JOHN BLEAKLEY

Secretary Y. M. M. I. A. Board

Why is the M Men department so successful in the European Missions generally? Because this organization provides young men with just the right outlet for their energies.

Science has revolutionized the world. Systems of state and social structure are springing up like mushrooms. We live in an age of progress.

"The Glory of God is Intelligence." "Man is that he might have joy." Can these great truths be correlated? M Men say "yes."

One modern man grimly probes for knowledge, a thousand more go giddily pursuing empty pleasure. The M Man believes a healthy body is a necessary adjunct to a healthy mind. Each part of him needs exercising: the body physically and athletically; the mind spiritually, in the fine

arts and in administration; the whole in recreation. The power that permeates the M Man!

The world is the House, M. I. A. the Door, and the M Men the Key.

**THE M MEN PLEDGE:** "In order that my life might render the finest service to humanity, I sincerely pledge my best efforts to keep myself clean, to fearlessly oppose wrong, to learn modesty and manliness, and to obey the rules of true sportsmanship."



## WHY GLEANER WORK?

By VIOLET CLAYTON

AS an advanced course for the girls who have completed the three years of Bee-Hive work, also for young women over 17 years of age, the Gleaner department meets every week in Mutual. The aim of the Gleaner Girl is to glean all the truths and knowledge that she possibly can from the many fields of life. The Gleaner's model is Ruth, the Gleaner of Bible days. The inspiration and achievements of Ruth's life tell us that she had in mind certain goals to reach. She found them. So will all true Gleaners as they build a character strong and beautiful, going through life gaining respect and love from their fellowmen, and pleasing their Heavenly Father.

When gleaned, Knowledge is bound into sheaves by putting it into action.

With the remaining days of summer ahead of us, ours is a grand opportunity to get an insight into this wonderful work, as well as to use it as a programme for missionary work. Let us think of our friends above the age of 17. The Gleaner programme will appeal to them. It is lovely; it is praiseworthy; of it we can truthfully give a good report.

For the Gleaner department and those who are soon to join I ask the blessings of our Heavenly Father. May each girl see the possibilities for development that are about her every day, and learn to use them to the best advantage in cultivating her own graces and in serving her fellowmen.



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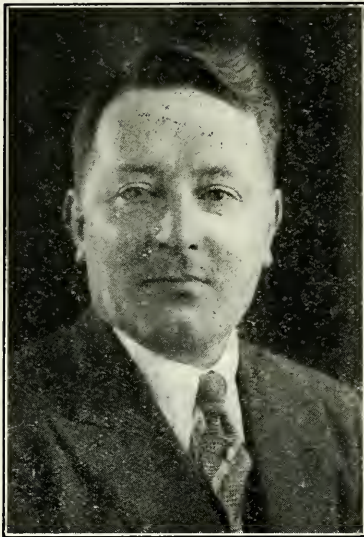
## WHY SCOUTING?

By ANDRE K. ANASTASIOU

FIRST of all let us ask what is the purpose of Scouting? It is to develop good citizenship in boys by forming their characters.

What fathers or mothers are there who would not like to see their son living up to the Scout law? His honour could be trusted in all things. He would be true to God and his Church, loyal to King and country, officers, parents, employers, and those about him; a boy who knows that his duty is to be useful, who does a good turn daily, who is a friend to all and a brother to every other scout no matter to what social class he belongs; who is a gentleman, a friend to animals, obedient to parents; who smiles under all sorts of difficulties; who is thrifty, clean in body, mind, soul, word, and deed; who is practising Christianity

in his everyday life and dealings, and not merely professing its theology on Sundays. That is the aim of scouting.



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Is this Scout your boy?

To every father and every man I would say: Be a Scout yourself! Give your boys the chance of this development. Help them to become worthy fellow-citizens.

Wise is the gardener who takes care of the young plants, the young shoots; tends them with patience and love; watches over them to see that they gain a firm foundation; protects them from storm and other dangers. And then later, whoever comes along says: "What a wonderful rose!" Compare this with your reaction to the all-too-prevalent sight of a poor, withered human plant with eyes sunk in, chest full of disease, sorrow and pain written all over. What a pity—you recoil from it. You may well condole and sympathize, but it will be too late!

Be a Scout! Be Prepared! Take care of the tender shoots; they will blossom into perfect manhood.

## THE BENEFITS OF BEE-HIVE

By CATHERINE L. M. HORNER

THE Bee-Hive was first organized in 1915, and truly the General Board of the Y. W. M. I. A. were inspired in doing so. Formed as one of the departments of the Young Women's organization for girls from 14 to 17 years of age, it is yet beneficial for all women, no matter what their age—if they care to take up the work.

As its name implies, it is patterned after a hive or swarm of bees. In a hive, each bee seems to know exactly what to do—and does it, responding to what is known as the Spirit of the Hive. This influence we have also in our Bee-Hive, which each girl should come to know and live daily. It is the backbone of the organization, and if lived cannot fail to bring joy both to the girl herself and to all with whom she comes in contact.



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President  
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As the bee goes into different fields and from flower to flower to gather honey to be stored and carefully sealed over, so each girl is taught to work in the fields of life, filling cells. Symbolically, for these, she receives seals to paste in her book. She must fill 105 of these cells to become a graduate Bee-Hive Girl. In this way she learns the true joy of work, and likewise feels the thrill of developing powers. This symbolism (which is taken from Maurice Maeterlinck's *Life of the Bee*) makes Bee-Hive work singularly attractive. Every Y. W. M. I. A. presidency should understand its importance, and have a group of girls doing this work in their Mutual.

## A WORD FOR SECRETARIES

By FLORENCE ANN BICKERSTAFF

"BEHOLD, there shall be a record kept among you . . ."

THE great importance of keeping true records cannot be over-emphasized. It is the duty of every secretary, both Young Men's and Young Women's, to record the things that take place at the regular weekly meetings, the monthly Sunday Joint service, as well as special occasions.

For her own benefit, the good secretary sees to it that her record is true. Then, when on each May 31st, the Annual Report is called for, how much easier it is to take it from a well-kept record! One should remember that the recording angel is also taking note of things that are happening on earth. Will your record tally?

Usually, the office of secretary is the last one to be filled in effecting organization. Often it is passed out with the idea of "Oh, just pass it to anybody," which is wrong. Responsibility is attached. A secretary records history for the Church of Jesus Christ, history that may someday, or even today help reconquer the world for Christ. See to it then that your record is true, for only truth endures.



FLORENCE BICKERSTAFF

Secretary

Y. W. M. I. A. Board

THE work and the good which the Mutual Improvement Associations are doing for our people can hardly be measured. . . . In so far as I know there is nothing in the world which is the equivalent or even the rival of the Mutual Improvement Associations in the matter of cultural development. And for my part I sincerely hope that they will go on in the development of music, art, drama, literature, and in other things in which they are engaged, because out of that will come to us as a people a cultural development for the acquiring of which there seems to be no other agency at present existing.—PRESIDENT J. REUBEN CLARK.

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EDITORIAL

OUR AUXILIARIES

THE Apostle Paul, speaking to the Corinthian saints, said:

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body being many, are one body: so also is Christ. . . . If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? . . . If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? . . .

But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee, nor again the head to the foot, I have no need of you.

When the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized, to conform to the law of the land, it was organized with but six members. But it could accomplish little with only this number.

Gradually, the Church is perfecting its auxiliaries, and being a progressive Church, it will continue to perfect itself, adding to its already very nearly perfect organization all it needs.

When the prophet Joseph Smith was asked to prepare the Articles of Faith, he wisely placed in Article VI the following: "We believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive Church, viz., apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc." Why did he use the term, *etc.*? Because it permitted him to add from time to time any adjunct or auxiliary needful. The first of these auxiliaries was the Relief Society, which now numbers about 70,000 members. Then it was found necessary to organize a Sunday School, the membership of which today numbers between 300,000 and 400,000. Then the Mutuals, with an enrolment now of approximately 300,000, were organized. Now Primaries are needed and a wonderful work is being done among the children. Some will say, "Why all of this organization?" Paul answers this question by telling us that organization is necessary for the "perfecting of the saints, and for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ."

In the British Mission, all auxiliaries are organized, mission-wide, and we are sending into the districts capable young men and women to assist our branches and give them a helping hand, showing just how to function and how to organize in districts and branches. These young men and women come to you as helpers and aids, giving of their time and talents freely. We admonish you to receive them kindly, as they are not coming to



you in a dictatorial spirit, but with love in their hearts and humility in their souls. They have but one desire, and that is to assist in perfecting these organizations, that they may increase our ability to spread truth.

Our autumn season is rapidly approaching. Now is the time to think for the future; prepare now. Pour "oil into your lamps," and have that determination, "I will succeed!" And in humility ask our Heavenly Father's aid, and your work will prosper; success will be yours.—JAMES H. DOUGLAS.

## THE M. I. A. BUILDING FUND CONTEST

**A**S chairman of the Central London Building Fund Committee which was organized to raise funds for a representative Church in London, West End, and because a search for ideas and plans for raising funds is so necessary to success, and in line with the M. I. A. activity programme, it occurred to me to make a small private donation to start an M. I. A. building fund contest, to stimulate the interest of every individual member of the Church, and especially the young people who are to follow on and who will benefit thereby, and to get their ideas and their considered and developed plans (such as that of the Sheffield Branch for attacking the problem-need of the British Mission—that is, Church-owned places of worship.

The first part of the contest concluded the end of May, but the second part continues until December 31st, 1934, for the most money collected by any Branch during 1934 Contest, and I have renewed the offer of five prizes for single ideas submitted before December 31st, 1934.

I have to thank all those who helped to make the first part of the contest (i.e., for the best single idea, and the best developed plan for raising funds) a success, and I hope that a renewed interest may be shown in the next five months to close the double-barrelled building fund contest. I have to thank also, Elder G. Homer Durham, President of the Y. M. M. I. A., and Sister Catherine L. M. Horner, President of the Y. W. M. I. A. for acting as judges with me to determine prize winners.—DR. RAY M. RUSSELL.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**W**E are seeking a change. That, in order to be effective, must be a change for the better. Vision makes this possible. And as growth is life's law making effective changes necessary, we therefore must stand with eyes wide open, lest we perish.

Glances thus cast, at the morning newspaper, down the street, in the mirror, reveal a world, a nation, an individual in need of Mutual Improvement. Every stage, from pit or gallery, reveals a drama in the affairs of men and things—all plunging to destruction. An effective change is required that will successfully alter the course of human lives and through that medium, conditions. All too evident is it that the inhabitant thereof and the

world needs our message. How make it effective? How make our slogans, mottoes, pledges, real?

The Gospel changes people, that is clear. And as recently echoed by the First Presidency, the Mutual Improvement Associations were founded for the very definite purpose of providing a means whereby the doctrines of the Gospel could be more effectively taught to young people—with resultant strong personal testimonies of the divinity of the great latter-day work. In 1934 the Adult department alone does not reflect the answer to that prophetic insight. In Britain the stream of our efforts has played over the heads of young people. The power of our message to change them has not been felt for the reason that the coat does not fit.

Coming to the point we see that by concentrating our present efforts in the newer fields, we will become effective. Otherwise our works may be as salt without savour. Populate, organize, and maintain Scouting, Bee-Hive, M Men, and Gleaner departments in every Mutual of the British Mission! Present Adult class members: Fit yourselves to become Scoutmasters, Bee-Keepers, M Men, and Gleaner leaders—or help by being members of those departments until we can really get on our feet. Doing so will effectively prove that we live, as well as teach the principles of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then, with the spectacles of fear stripped from our eyes, we are entitled to look ahead to great vigour in our auxiliary programme. We see for the future a large, healthy growth; a lusty young branch rising to its feet and stretching itself; expanding into new and comfortable quarters because the old were much too small. We see for the Community Activity Programme great developments in the social and group life of these organizations, and a new type of individual emerging to create a new social order. So much will this be true that the public fancy will be arrested, and our activity-efforts amplified to the world on great waves of well-earned publicity. We see world reconstruction; not because of changed conditions alone as we have noted, but through the changed lives that will have resulted from a universal practice of the simple teachings of the Restored Gospel. So will the earth be renewed.

That is a long look up the stairway of the future. But not a vain one, for step by step as we lift our eyes to Him that lives, we see the path by which we surely shall ascend—if our faith be strong, our hearts pure, and our vision clear.—G. HOMER DURHAM, President, British Mission Y. M. M. I. A.

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#### MILE POSTS OF THE PAST YEAR IN M. I. A.

IN May, 1913, the Latter-day Saint "M. I. A. Scouts," by invitation of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, became affiliated with that organization. Perhaps the outstanding event in the past twelve months has been the forging of that twenty-year-old link in Scouting and Y. M. M. I. A. in Great Britain. The British Mission is indebted to Elder Frank R. Bennett, former Y. M. M. I. A. Supervisor of the European Missions, for

his untiring efforts in procuring the sanction of Imperial Headquarters for Scouting in connection with the Church here. After months of postal communication, frequented with telephone calls back and forth, the way was opened up, and on December 20th, 1933, in a personal interview with Colonel C. L. W. Watson, Adviser, Development Department of the Boy Scouts Association, full co-operation of Imperial headquarters was offered us in organizing Scout troops wherever we are able. As a result of this historic interview, the West Hartlepool Scouts were organized in January—first in the Mission—and in May, the Sheffield Scouts were added to the list. In addition to these nationally registered groups, boys of Scout age are meeting in Hull, Merthyr, and Eastwood. Leaders are making every effort to align these groups with the national movement.

IN August of 1933, the announcements that the 1933-34 programme would include M Men work were despatched. These departments have been used before in isolated instances—but now we are out to have an M Men department in every Mutual, just the same as the rest. We should understand that the Mutual is a compound of many departments and not simply an Adult class. Even now, a few groups with M Men tendencies are not and have not been holding their regular weekly meeting with the Mutual for the reason that their understanding was that Mutual was a one-class affair only. The first to correctly organize and record their Constitution with the Y. M. M. I. A. Board were the Holloway M Men. Since then, constitutions have been received from groups in Lowestoft and Handsworth.

Gleaner and Bee-Hive departments have sprung up all over the Mission, outnumbering the efforts of the Young Men. Treasures of Truth projects, Swarm days, scrapbooks, happier days all speak of the advance in these departments—although they too have been hampered somewhat by the misunderstanding quoted above. With 173 Bee-Hive girls enrolled as of June 20th, this branch of the Mutual is setting the pace for the rest of the departments. Even so, should those 173 be scattered throughout the 77 branches of the Mission, there would be but two Bee-Hive girls to a branch, and to think that a swarm numbers from 3 to 10 girls, we see that a great future for joy-in-contacts lies before us.

The Branch Achievement Programme has been discussed elsewhere in relation to activity, but two items deserve mention. In January, Gold and Green balls were announced as the monthly activity project in each district. The response was enthusiastic. With the exception of but two districts, delightful affairs were held as both branch and district functions. *Better recreation* has been weighed in the balance and found to be not wanting. It was the thought behind the Drama activity period to have a one-act play produced in every branch, with a District Drama Night in the offing wherever possible. Here also the results have been most encouraging, and have given rise to the promotion of a gigantic plan for the next year's activity events—"The Year-Round Programme" which we all are advised to watch for and put into operation. Many functions attracted the attention of prominent officials, the visit of the Mayor of Merthyr to the Welsh Ball being outstanding. Using the press as a powerful ally, with

news items and pictures to illustrate, many districts led the way to a new era in Latter-day Saint recreation. Pictures of the Nottingham ball were circulated throughout England and Europe, and through the means of the *Improvement Era* showed to all the world the type of recreation sponsored by the British Mission.

Now with Y. M. and Y. W. M. I. A. officers in nearly every branch of the Mission—not a mean landmark in itself—and the roads behind us dotted with achievements, we look ahead to a new era, one that will not only be an epoch in British Mission history, but in British history.

The table that appears below reflects the current status of Mutual work in the Mission. This report is based on the June 20th Form "A" returned to the Mission Office by each district president. The last column indicates the number of branches in each district that returned Branch Achievement reports, July 6th. The names of branches who achieved British Mission "A" standard appear elsewhere in this issue of the *Star*. Figures appearing under the departmental headings of M Men, Gleaners, Scouts, and Bee-Hives are of course included in the total enrolment figures given for their respective organization, i.e., Y. M. M. I. A. and Y. W. M. I. A. Where no figures appear in these four above-mentioned columns, it is understood that only the Adult department exists. Where M Men, Gleaner, etc., figures appear, it is understood that the difference between them and the totals under Y. M. and Y. W. M. I. A. give the figures for the Adult department.

District	No. of Branches	Total Enrolment		Departmental Classification				No. Reporting Achievement
		Y. M. M. I. A.	Y. W. M. I. A.	M Men	Gleaners	Scouts	Bee-Hives	
Birmingham..	7	41	17	0	0	0	5	0
Bristol .....	5	3	34	3	0	0	17	0
Free State ...	1	9	8	0	0	0	0	0
Hull* .....	3	21	25	0	0	13	13	1
Leeds .....	5	11	41	0	0	0	8	0
Liverpool .....	9	40	63	0	0	0	19	6
London** .....	6	46	53	13	24	0	5	2
Manchester ...	5	44	48	8	12	0	6	3
Newcastle ...	8	47	66	0	12	11	20	1
Norwich .....	5	43	9	11	0	0	8	1
Nottingham...	7	29	54	0	3	8	8	5
Portsmouth ...	2	4	13	0	0	0	0	0
Scottish .....	4	15	59	6	0	0	40	0
Sheffield .....	5	26	45	0	7	10	4	3
Ulster .....	1	8	23	9	0	0	14	0
Welsh .....	4	23	6	0	0	6	6	0
Totals .....	77	410	564	50	58	48	173	22
Average .....	4.9	25.6	35.2	3.05	3.6	3	10.8	1.37

\*Reported jointly : Y. M. M. I. A., Y. W. M. I. A.

\*\*March 20th report.



## BRANCH ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAMME RESULTS

THE Branch Achievement programme was inculcated into the British Mission Mutual programme this year precisely as the Ward Achievement programme is used in the Stakes of Zion. This was announced and plans circulated in October, 1933. In order to gain the recognition promised by the Mission Boards, a branch had to attain three distinct goals in activity achievement, and at the same time come up to a desirable standard in general efficiency that included correct organization, use of Reading Course material, punctuality, preliminary Officers and Teachers prayer meetings and so forth. A total of four points was required to reach "A" Standard.

At this time, the Young Men's and Young Women's Boards of the British Mission have great pleasure in announcing that according to the reports recently returned to the Mission office, Manchester and Oldham branches of the Manchester district, Sheffield branch of the Sheffield district, and Mansfield branch of the Nottingham district have achieved British Mission "A" Standard during the past year. The following table shows in what groups points were made by each branch:

Branch	Group I Music	Group II Drama	Group III Speech for Men	Group IV Speech for Women	Group V Dancing	Group VI Efficiency (Required)
Mansfield	x		x		x	x
Manchester	x			x	x	x
Oldham	x	x		x		x
Sheffield	x	x		x	x	x

Of the 22 branches returning Achievement reports, nearly all would have gained points in one or two groupings at least had it not been for important details which were probably overlooked. For instance, there was a splendid crop of one-act plays reported. But, in almost all cases, *scenery* and *stage-lighting*, important bits by which we were adjudicating standard and interest, were missing. Other common mistakes were failures to boost the aggregate of the Retold story columns in the Speech Groups, III and IV. Some branches lost out on "General Efficiency" by having held no Sunday night joint meetings, while others met their Waterloo with the Reading Course item. Perhaps the most difficult thing of all was the necessity of discarding one otherwise excellent report, simply for the reason that proper organization had not yet been effected.

All in all, the results of our first year in striving to raise the cultural levels of our communities through "Branch Achievement" have been very gratifying. The message of our programme is not "More," but "Better Recreation." Next year with this experience behind us, and with unusual promise for rich fields ahead, the harvest of the Branch Achievement programme should record 77 branches in the ranks of "A" Standard. It is fascinating to compete with yourself and make that self better!







# M.I.A. ACTIVITIES

1933 1934

## SCOUTING AND THE Y. M. M. I. A.

By ELDER FRANK R. BENNETT

THE Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association was organized for the definite purpose of supplying our young men with leisure time activity. Since the summer time of 1911, the Boy Scout movement has been an integral part of this organization. Thousands of our boys throughout the entire world now enjoy this marvellous work. The leaders of the British Mission now appeal earnestly to all young men throughout the Church to respond to this splendid activity. Will the members of the British Mission do their part?

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Such was the explanation given by the Saviour for the purpose of His life's work. Scouting will abundantly provide for the young men of our M. I. A. here in Great Britain. It aims to develop healthy spirits, bodies and minds. In addition, a Scout's obligation is to do at least one good turn each day; so is emphasized his desire to follow the example of the Saviour. Because of this spirit of true religion, Scouting has often been referred to as "Applied Christianity." Such outstanding ideals demand attention.

Scouting is only one of the vigorous organizations maintained by the Mutual Improvement Associations. Through conscientious work on the part of all real, able-bodied men in the British Mission, Latter-day Saint Boy Scouts will attain the mark of being *good scouts*, in Great Britain, as they are so recognized at the present time in America. We will "Carry On" and go FORWARD!

## DEATH

BROOKER — Sister Maria Annie Brooker, for many years a faithful member of the Bradford branch, died on June 25th. Funeral services were held June 28th under the direction of President Harvey F. Freestone, and the grave, in the Schoolmoor Cemetery, was dedicated by Elder Eugene Pingree.

Sister Brooker was greatly re-

spected and beloved by the members of the Bradford branch. It was through cottage meetings held in her home many years ago that many who are now members of the Church came to hear the message of Mormonism. Her beautiful spirit has been an inspiration and influence for good among all who knew her.

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